

gone down on business and may be expected back about end of December.

The N. Y. K. steamship *Ku Maru*, sister ship of the *Hiogo*, is due here on the 26th instant, to load a cargo of beans, etc., for Kobe. This is the first token of the plentiful harvests with which poor Korea has been favoured this year. Next spring we may expect several extra steamers here to take away our surplus stock of beans and rice. Go it, Fah Chosen! Sell all you can spare. Don't lay up a store to serve you in times of drought. Think only of to-day; *maskee* to-morrow!

Mr. C. A. Welch, who has been in Korea for the past six years, originally in the Korean Customs, and lately in Messrs. Morse and Townsend's house, has, after being feasted and toasted in all directions left us to take up an appointment in the China and Japan Trading Co. at Nagasaki. — *Shanghai Mercury*.

A DEFENCE OF THE NUDE.

A nude picture or statue, unless made so by the artist, is not essentially offensive to any pure mind. Whether it invokes censure or admiration depends on the mental spectacles through which it is seen. The spiritual, like the visible physical eye, if diseased, distorts all objects. It is the "Mind's eye" that perceives what is good or bad, chaste or unchaste. When Adam and Eve dwelt in Paradise before they ate

Of that forbidden tree, whose fruit the taste brought down to him the world and all our woe,

they beheld their nakedness without shame. It was only when their sight had been perverted by sin that they clothed themselves with fig leaves. The moral of that fact is now, as it was then, that only a depraved mind can see anything revolting in that nudity which our first parents, when innocent, regarded without a blush. It is true that all their offspring are sinful by inheritance, but not equally so. Great in number, as may be those who are grossly impure, there are many who are comparatively pure. They behold nothing in a picture of a nude human form but its beauty and the skill of the artist.

There are women who daily observe their naked figure in a mirror with supreme satisfaction, and delight themselves with that amusement. When a dirty street-crossing affords them an apparent excuse for it, they lift their skirts to show their feet and legs, if they are exceptionally handsome. Worse than that, they go to fashionable balls and receptions with their backs and breasts as bare as to disgust even the most immodest men. They make themselves like-minded with the equally conspicuous at our seaside resorts during the bathing hour. Yet, when they behold a painting of a woman just as Eve appeared in Eden before the fall, they scream with affected horror. There are also hypocrites of the masculine gender, secretly guilty of shameless lewdness, who, to gain a reputation for uncommon virtue, pretend to be revolted by even the most delicately drawn and exquisitely colored portrait of a mythological nymph or goddess. Furthermore, this preposterous sentimentality as to nudity on an artist's canvas is ridiculed by the fact that the so-called best society men and women go to the theatre night after night, where young ballet girls show their legs in lights up to their thighs, and even crowd thither to behold Mrs. James Brown Potter, in the role of Cleopatra, expose her limbs in a diaphanous drapery that does not hide her nakedness from head to foot. Hence, of course, our prudish preaching is quite inconsistent with our practice.

The ancients were not afraid of the nude in art. They loved art for itself, seeing nothing in that suggested vulgar ideas, and did not fear that it would degrade, but rather elevate them morally and intellectually. For example, the models for the statue of the Chidion Venus of Praxiteles, preserved at Florence, and now known as the Venus de Medici, was a famous courtesan named Phryne. It is related of Zeuxis, one of the greatest of the Hellenic painters, who excelled in painting female beauty, that the people of Crotona, wanting him to paint a naked Helen, showed him a great number of the most beautiful boys, saying that from them he might easily guess the beauty of their sisters. "No," said he, "send me even the ugliest of the lot, for I am said to have produced a mirror of beauty." Vice, like virtue, may be the result of education. Any human soul originally chaste, by habitually making itself conversant with what is unchaste, may become so corrupted that it can see nothing but unchastity in anything.

This is the fate of Mr. Comstock, the C. R. Bennett of New York, the poor devil who supposes he has been divinely commissioned as a propagandist of purity in fine art. His judgment in that respect is so debased that he might as well hale an angel to a New York Alderman's should he ever be fortunate enough to behold one. Outside of the limits of positive decency he is quite right. But beyond that he is foolishly fanatical. Pictures of nearly naked women in the windows of cigar stores may be fairly objectionable because they possess no artistic merit; but a Venus by the greatest of the ancient masters should not be so condemned. The perfect beauty of a work of art ought to arrest the eye and interest the mind outside of its subject. Art in its supreme expression should exclude all ideas of impurity. It alone should be observed, and therefore provoke no unnecessary censorious criticism. — *Philadelphia Telegraph*.

Today's Advertisements.

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
(Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offered).

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

"KHIVA" will leave for the above places, on FRIDAY, the 20th December, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1554]

HONGKONG JO' KEY CLUB, RACE MEETING, 1890.

HONGKONG DERBY.

SWEETSTAKES of \$30 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing. Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies *Bona fide* Giffins at date of Entry, (SATURDAY, 25th January, 1890) First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent.; Fourth, 10 per cent. One-mile-and-a-half (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1889.)

E. L. WOODIN, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1556]

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 535.

THE Summons, No. 31, for LODGE of EMERGENCY, to be held on Friday, the 13th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely, is hereby CANCELLED.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1548]

Today's Advertisements.

If you wish to meet a friend between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and Eleven o'clock go to

WOODYEAR'S ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS.

The Fashionable Resort of Hongkong.

OPEN TWICE DAILY:

at 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Location of our Marquee:

the

OLD CENTRAL MARKET.

REDUCED PRICES! REDUCED PRICES!!

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Boxes of 6 Chairs \$9.00

Single Seats in Boxes 1.50

Dress Circle Chairs 1.00

Stalls, Carpeted Seats 0.50

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform—to Pit 25 Cents.

SEATS AND BOXES can be reserved at KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

ROBERT LOVE, General Agent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1537]

FOR SHANGHAI.

"NINGPO."

Captain R. Köhler, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1551]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOKIEN,"

Captain Lewis, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1555]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIPHONG,"

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 15th December, at DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1547]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR"

are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 15th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1889. [1536]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PORT AUGUSTA,"

FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1889. [1533]

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS Company is now prepared to SUPPLY

at quality PORTLAND CEMENT.

J. FOREMAN, Secretary.

64, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1889. [1518]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the above

Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd inst. to the 1st day of January, 1890, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS, Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1889. [1508]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

GENTLEMEN desirous of playing in the

Match, SCOTLAND v. THE WORLD

proposed for 26th, 27th, and 28th December

inst., will kindly sign their names on the Notice

left in the Hongkong Club and the Cricket

Pavilion.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1889. [1424]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND CLOCK-

MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-

SMITHS, AND OPTICIANS.

CHARTS AND BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for "Leeds' Automatic" Watches

and for "Vogel" and "Sohn's"

CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES.

MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.

No. 4, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1574]

THE HALL & HOLTZ C. CO., LIMITED.

HIGH CLASS CABINET MAKERS, UPHOLSTERERS, CARPET FACTORS, GENERAL HOUSE, and OFFICE FURNISHERS and DECORATORS, PICTURE-FRAME MAKERS, POLISHERS, GILDERS, and SIGN WRITERS.

FURNITURE RE-UPHOLSTERED, &c., BEDDING RE-MADE OR ALTERED,

only the best workmen employed and all Materials are absolutely guaranteed. Cornices to match

Furniture in any style or color, Carving, &c., done on the premises, Furniture and Floors, Stained

Varnished and Polished equal to new.

NOTE.—Our Second Shipment to hand of NEW CURTAIN and DRAPERY MATERIALS

and TRIMMINGS, CARPETS in ART COLORS, DINNER SERVICES, GLASS WARE,

FIRE BRASSES, FENDERS, and DOGS, BASSINETTES, &c., &c.

NOVELTIES in PLUSH and SATIN CUSHIONS, POUFFE STOOLS, FANCY

TABLES, ART MUSLINS, &c., for CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS and PRESENTS.

THE HALL & HOLTZ C. CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1889. [1512]

HONGKONG LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held at

Bank Building, TO-MORROW, the

12th inst., commencing at 8.15 P.M. The

subject for debate will be "Is not too much

time devoted to Music in Middle Class

Education?"

Hongkong, 10th December 1889. [1550]

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF

CHINA, JAPAN AND STRAITS,

LIMITED.

CAPITAL 1,000,000

in 100,000 Shares.

I sue, price to guineas, payable—

10/- on Application.

15/- on Allotment.

10/- in course of two months.

APPLICATIONS for Shares in the above

Company will be received by the

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

up to 3 p.m., on FRIDAY, the 13th December,

and each application must be accompanied by

the equivalent of 10/- per Share, calculated

at 3/25.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1889. [1551]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 18th to the

31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents,

Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1889. [1549]

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited for the COMPLE-

TION of the SUPERSTRUCTURE of

the Company's VESSEL, now moored at Yau-

ma-tei. Tenders, under sealed cover marked

"Tenders for the Marina" to be sent on or

before the 15th December, to the Undersigned,

where plans, form of Tender, and orders to view

can be obtained.

W. ST. JOHN H. HANCOCK, C.E.,

3, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1889. [1484]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YEEN CHALLENGE

CUPS.

THE Fourth Competition for the 1st Stage

will take place next SATURDAY, the

14th December, at 3.15 p.m. commencing at 3.00

yards.

The Entrance Fee for this Stage only is 5/-

Cents, or for the Two Stages 10/- Cents, must

be sent to me before 5 p.m., on FRIDAY next,

the 13th inst. The Second Stage will be shot

on Saturday, the 21st inst.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Hon. Secretary,

c/o Hongkong Club.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1889. [1515]

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL

TRAMWAYS COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the

above Company will be held in the Hongkong

Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at 11

o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the General Managers,

Intimations.

THE

HALL & HOLTZ C. CO.,

LIMITED.

Intimations.

COLONY OF HONGKONG.

REMOVAL OF OLD CEMETERY.

THE Old Colonial Cemetery, at Wan-tai, in

the above Colony, having become sur-

rounded by a dense population of Chinese of the

poorer classes, it is found difficult to keep it in a

condition of decency and cleanliness; it is

therefore notified that it is proposed to re-

move and decently to remove all monuments

and tombstones in such Cemetery, as well as all

remains which may be found there, to the

existing Colonial Cemetery in the Happy Valley,

where such remains will be re-interred.

The monuments will be repaired and grouped

round a plain memorial stone on which it will

be stated from what part of the Colony they have

been removed.

Survivors, friends, or relatives who may desire

to make any objection to this removal, are re-

quested to address the Colonial Secretary of

Hongkong within six months from this date.

A list of the remaining monuments is ap-

For Sale.

THE INDIAN IMPERIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
HONGKONG, 215, N. B. ROAD, 182.

IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to **ACCEPT RISKS** against FIRE and at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [82]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
ASSURANCE COMPANY IN
LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to **ACCEPT RISKS** against FIRE and

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [82]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RATES at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to any Part of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WYF.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [55]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON-TAI-INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL, TAEELS 600,000, } \$233,333-33
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00

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LEE SING, Esq., Lo YUE MOON, Esq.
LUI TAO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO AME.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1881. [109]

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